

want us to change that, and I think foreign policy can make a difference. So I think that those are failures.

Our national defense, September 11 happened after 1994. I am not blaming anyone there, but I am just saying we need to start thinking in this country.

Another one said "term limits to replace career politicians with citizen legislators." We have a Senator who ran from Tennessee and said he would serve 12 years. I applaud BILL FRIST for not running again. I do not necessarily always agree with him, nor do I disagree with him a lot. But one thing I do agree with him on: he kept his word. We may not have passed the bill. But, quite frankly, the bill does not require you to keep your word. My father always said if you are honest, you will be rewarded; if you are dishonest, you ultimately will be punished and will lose.

Here is something else: "a balanced budget and tax limitation amendment and a legislative line-item veto." I have been here for a little over 3 years. I have never seen either one of these items that these folks who signed the contract, as I would sign as a builder, have tried to pass. Again, if you were back in Tennessee and if you were working for a developer, the first thing that would happen is they would say you have broken your contract; so we will take it over and get somebody else to finish the job. I think the American public needs to understand that, that when you give your word, your word is your bond.

I travel my district, all 24 counties, and, quite frankly, there is no conversation about \$3 a gallon of gasoline, very little. There is very little conversation about a \$1,000 per month-plus for health care; very little conversation about the huge deficits that we have today; very little conversation about the war in Iraq, where we have lost 2,500 young men and spend \$100 billion a year, approximately, in that country. But we played a little game one day as I played when I was a kid in school. We called it tag. In essence, you have to tag somebody else out so they can chase the other folks until ultimately they capture someone, and then they have to start running someone down. So I said let us kind of play tag. If you were President, what would you do?

An older fellow in the back said, No, Congressman. We have elected you. If you were the President, what would you do?

I said the first thing I would do for this country is I would audit this country. I would get the best CPAs, the most honest, the most knowledgeable, and I would audit every Department, every agency. I would look at every no-bid contract to find out how much profit was made. I would audit this country, and I would tell the American public why in 2001 we had 200-plus billion dollars in surplus and why now we have 300-plus billion dollars in deficits. So I would audit America. I would find out and tell the folks, this is where the

money went. This is where your money went. It is your money and here is where your money went.

And the next thing I would do, I would call up at Andrews Air Force Base and I would have them cap off Air Force One with fuel. I would get 10 of the best pilots in the Navy. I would also get 10 of the folks who can speak Arabic really well, and I would load them up, and we would have a nonstop flight to Kuwait. And I would tell the folks in Kuwait, remember about 10 years ago when you were invaded by this fellow named Saddam Hussein, or almost 15 years ago, and you came to the world's stadium and platform and said, Please help us. We have got 600,000 people, and a 25 million population country and their leader, Saddam Hussein, has just invaded us and they have taken over our oil fields, and the rest of the world came to your rescue.

I would get the sheiks. I would get the mullahs and the emirs and whatever they call themselves, the royalty, the folks who inherit the position, and I would say \$3-a-gallon gas is breaking the back of every woman and every man who is working in my district.

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That is our worst enemy. We have conquered your enemy. You help with ours now.

I would go to Saudi Arabia and some of those folks, and I would tell them the same story. Then I would go to Iraq and put the troops there that was needed to put production back in those oil fields up to 3.5 million barrels a day that was there when Oil for Food was a policy that we criticize now so much. And certainly the dishonesty of it should be criticized. But I would put back on line those oil wells.

What that does for us is to help us balance our budget. Instead of us spending \$100 billion of American taxpayer money, HAROLD FORD, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, says that the American taxpayers are footing the bill for both sides in this war. As we pay \$3 a gallon gasoline, we are helping the insurgency get money, especially from some of their buddies in Saudi Arabia, and other places fund their insurgency through the dollars that go in and go back out to the radical groups of Islam. And then American taxpayers are paying for the American troops that are sacrificing their lives there.

I would put on line the oil fields in Iraq and get them producing more than 1.5 to 1.9 million barrels a day, and I would bring the revenue in to where the American taxpayers would have to quit paying for the cost of the war in Iraq.

I know our time is about ended. I have a whole lot more I would like to talk about. The point I want to make is that in this country today, we have a battle on our hands.

If you notice, I am not mentioning a word on the other side, their name. It saddens me when folks come to this

floor and they want to criticize Democrats and Republicans. We are all adult and mature individuals. It is time we started acting like Americans instead of Democrats and Republicans.

It is my hope we can start working together and take this bitterness away. Bipartisanship is the only thing that is going to solve this thing. In the Rules Committee, when we are not allowed to introduce amendments, I just got a news release that went out, and I will mention this because it is from the National Republican Committee.

"DAVIS Shares Blame for High Gas Prices.

"National Democrats are desperate to gain traction on any issue they can in the lead up to the 2006 elections. As gas prices across the Fourth District rise, so does the Democrat rhetoric. What Representative LINCOLN DAVIS probably hasn't mentioned though is that he voted twice against helping consumers feel less of a pinch at the pump."

They mention resolution number 519 and number 145, the Gasoline for America's Security Act and the Energy Conservation, Research and Development Act.

You realize that Republican Senator BILL FRIST wouldn't even put this bill up on the Senate floor because it didn't do what it said it did? So, in essence, even the Republicans in the Senate disagreed with those who voted in this House on this bill. That is the kind of truth you get from the truth squad when they come up and start talking.

Mr. BOYD, Madam Speaker, reclaiming my time, I appreciate the gentleman. He brings a lot of common sense and wisdom.

I know our time has expired, Madam Speaker. I just want to conclude by saying that I hope that you understand that the Blue Dogs are a group of men and women who are ready to work together across the aisle in a bipartisan way to solve these problems. We have some very, very tough problems, and we have a group of folks who are ready and willing to roll up our sleeves and go to work, and let's solve some of these problems.

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Madam Speaker, that doesn't say Blue Dog Democrats. It says Blue Dog Coalition. Republicans can join it.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4954, SECURITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EVERY PORT ACT

Mr. SESSIONS (during the Special Order of Mr. BOYD) from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-450) on the resolution (H. Res. 789) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4954) to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.